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Dear Mr. Warnock:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) with a progressive idea that can march the Royal Highland Show into the 21st century and beyond: scrap the cruel, archaic Grand Parade that showcases farmed animals and horses, and instead erect a statue that celebrates animals for the individuals they are.

Humans have learned so much about other animals since we began farming them in 13,000 BC. In the millennia since, we've come to understand that every animal is someone with complex social preferences, skills, and a lust for life not unlike our own. Cows and bulls are playful and loyal, sheep are clever and empathetic, and chickens are curious and nurturing. One thing animals are *not* is "stock, and a statue commemorating them is a much better way to celebrate animals than marching them in front of noisy crowds of people, many of whom later pile animals' dead bodies onto plates.

To meet this appetite for flesh, millions of animals are confined to dirty, dark factory farms for their entire miserable lives. Sheep undergo painful mutilations, such as tail-docking and castration, without painkillers, and cows exploited for dairy are repeatedly forcibly impregnated, only to have their babies taken from them so humans can drink their milk. No matter their species or their use, and regardless of any "welfare" claims made, all farmed animals eventually face a violent, painful death.

Of course, the Royal Highland Show can still celebrate farming! The UK farmers who supply our fruit, vegetables, grains and other plant foods certainly deserve a parade for keeping us nourished with cruelty-free protein, vitamins, and minerals with a far lower carbon footprint. Plus, not one potato will feel skittish if paraded through cheering crowds, nor will a squash scream when later chopped to pieces. Animal parades are so yesterday, but a plant parade would be a real *turnip* for the books.



We'll happily cover the cost of the statue, should you agree. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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